



The Tulip Tattler

Newsletter



The Woman's Club of Brielle Newsletter

General Federation of Woman's Clubs;
New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs Shore District — January 2021

Dear Members of the Woman's Club of Brielle—

This year, our two major fundraising events--Brielle Day and our fall luncheon with fashion show-- had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, our Club has sufficient funds to cover our financial obligations until we pay our annual dues next spring. But, without the proceeds from these two major fundraising events, we do not have the funds to support charitable organizations or provide scholarships to deserving students.

The Ways and Means Committee brought several proposals to raise funds before our Club members at the November general meeting on zoom. All of the proposals were approved, and we are now beginning to implement two of the approved fundraisings initiatives.

The first initiative involves each of our members making a \$50.00 donation to our charitable work. As has been pointed out, this amount is actually a lot less than our members usually spent to purchase 2 tickets to the annual fall luncheon and contribute to an item for the auction that is held at that event. We recognize that these are difficult times, and we do not expect our members for whom making a contribution of \$50.00 would be a hardship to participate in this fundraising effort. If you can help, please send your payment to The Woman's Club of Brielle, Post Office Box 502, Brielle New Jersey, 08730. If each of our 70 members participates in this effort, we will have \$3,400 that will go toward our philanthropic efforts. At this writing, we have only 19 members who have made their contribution.

The second initiative is to launch Friends of the Brielle Woman's Club that will (1) inform people of the work we do, (2) publicize how people --men, women, and businesses-- can support the work that we do, and (3) attract new members who are interested in community service. There are many people in Brielle and in our neighboring communities who know about and respect all that we have done. It is our hope that our friends, neighbors, and those who may have benefitted from a scholarship or in some other way will want to "give back" by becoming members of the Friends of the Brielle Woman's Club. If each of our 70 members recruits just one Friend who will match her contribution of \$50, we will have another \$3,400 for charitable donations and scholarships for a total of \$6,800.

The first step in launching Friends of the Brielle Woman's Club is for each Club member to be familiar with all of the community service work that we do. Since we have many new members, we have provided a brief summary of what we have done in 2020 as well as a general commentary on how we have helped with situations that have come up unexpectedly.



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The second step is for us to put a series of 3 articles in The Coast Star and perhaps in other local papers. The first of these articles will announce the Friends of the Brielle Woman’s Club. This initial article will explain that, in 2021, our Club will organize the Craft Fair for Brielle Day for the 50th year. Even this year of the pandemic, we were able to provide an on-line option for crafters to sell their products, and about 35 crafters took advantage of this opportunity.

The initial article will explain how, for more than 50 years, we have been:

- supporting local charities,
- providing scholarships,
- contributing to community organizations such as the library, the Fire Department, etc., and
- helping individuals in need

In the second article, there will be further discussion of what we do—for example, the Christmas stockings to troops, the Thanksgiving baskets we put together, the State projects we have been a part of, etc. In the third article, perhaps some of the people/organizations that we have helped will say a few words about our contributions and what they have meant to them. Each article will explain how interested women can become members and how they can contact our membership committee.

Each Member of the Woman’s Club of Brielle will receive a decal for her car so that people will notice and ask questions. Similarly, each Friend of the Woman’s Club of Brielle will receive letter acknowledging their contribution and decal for his/her their car.

As we go forward in these initiatives, your questions, comments, suggestions, and anecdotes are most welcome.

Sincerely yours—

Gail Harren, President
Joyce Raspanti, First Vice President
Joan Leavitt, Second Vice President
Randi Quilici, Federation Secretary

Also Aridas, Recording Secretary
Catherine Cafone, Corresponding Secretary
Mary Jane Crecca, Treasurer



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GAIL HARREN

Well, a Happy and Better New Year to us ALL!!

So, we’re off to a running start in 2021. The Chamber of Commerce is grateful for the judging of the business decorations- it was a tough choice this year. Heide, the Chamber president has been notified of the decisions. We are all grateful to our business community who, despite a tough financial year, gave our town a festive look.

Members are still sending in their \$50 donations in lieu of the fall luncheon expenses. And donations are still being received for the Agnes Higgins scholarship. That is truly amazing- there are enough funds for several years of scholarships in Agnes’ name-she would be thrilled.

I just submitted my recipe to our cookbook project. Please contact Joyce or Joan.

Everyone, be safe and stay well.



DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communications: Cathy Cafone**

Our diligent Coast Star reporter has published articles and photos of the Thanksgiving Basket Boxes, Operation Chill Out, and Military Stockings. Please inform chairs of any committee activities/articles you wish to send to The Coast Star.

- **Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Cafone**

The P.O. Box is checked regularly. Our dear Agnes Higgins memorial Scholarship donations are arriving daily!

Thank you letters have arrived from Calling All Angels Lynn and Gary Bishop regarding the Thanksgiving Baskets. WCB cards were sent to our recuperating Rita Poole and MaryAnn Cifaretto has received get well wishes as well.

- **Evening Group: Patty Nolan**

The Evening group had a Holiday Dinner at The Blend in Manasquan on December 10th. The dinner was delicious and enjoyed by the small group that attended. Members generously took tags & supplied gifts to children in need. Some members also donated coats and food for the Food Bank.

- **Federation Secretary: Randi Quilici**

Please save the date for a District Council Zoom Meeting on Monday, January 25th at 10:00 AM. There are only three District Council Meetings a year. Fifteen Club Presidents will brag about their club and plans through April. We are also privileged to have three NJSFWC speakers who will enlighten us with upcoming events.

- **Health & Wellness: Lucy Sanzalone**

The club had a very successful drive for Thanksgiving baskets donating six overflowing baskets for the needy. A huge thank you to all that helped out.

Dottie's House picked up 25 beautiful Christmas gifts from the giving tree. In addition, a non-member donated 3 porcelain dolls beautifully dressed, puzzles, and purses for the children. Again, thank you to all that participated to put a smile on a child's face.

A box of men's toiletries, sweaters and hats were donated to Calling All Angels. These items will be used for Calling All Angels giving tree.

Ongoing: Coat drive and food for the food pantry. Items may be left by the garage door at Lucy's home. Please call Lucy to let her know when items are dropped off.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and stepping up when needed.

- **Membership: Sue Stenson & Alison Aridas**

Our club was happy to welcome three new members at our December General Meeting. Below are the names and their contact information. Please add this information to your Directories.

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We held a Zoom Mentoring Meeting on December 16th and eight women attended. Laurie Ann and Sue gave a summary of all departments and asked for any questions. It was a lively discussion which was wonderful. Some members joined up for committees during the meeting. It was good to be able to talk and see fellow members after all these months of quarantine! We hope to repeat this opportunity next month.

- **Treasurer's Report: *Mary Jane Barretta***

Here is where we stand as regarding receipts:

Donations of \$50 made by Club members:

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| 3 members donated | \$300 as of 11/24/2020 |
| 16 members donated | \$800 as of 12/7/2020 |
| Total: | \$1,100 donated by 19 members |

Agnes Higgins Scholarship Fund:

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| 23 people donated | \$3,350.00 as of 12/1/2020: |
| 10 people donated | \$ 875.00 as of 12/3/2020 |
| 12 people donated | \$1,125.00 as of 12/8/2020 |
| Total: | \$5,350.00 donated by 45 people |

Operation Chill Out:

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| 18 people donated | \$1,035.00 as of 12/2/2020 |
| 1 person donated | \$25.00 as of 12/7/2020 |
| Total: | \$1,060.00 donated by 19 people |

- **Sunshine: *Cathy Cafone***

Please inform chair of any health issue regarding a WCB member or family member.

National Events: www.gfwc.org

Subscribe to the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine online via Marketplace or contact Membership Services at 202-347-3168 or toll-free at 800-443-4392.

NJSFWC: www.njsfwc.org

Check out the website for upcoming events and news.